

VOLLEYBALL SEEDING AND DRAW MEETING

Head coaches: Don't forget that the mandatory seeding and draw meeting will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 2:00 PM at a site to be determined by your tournament manager. Please be advised that schools that fail to send a coach or administrator to this meeting will be **fined \$150.**

OHSAA TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Tournament entry forms for volleyball are online forms which must be accessed and completed through the "Tournament Entry" link located in the left column of your **myOHSAA** account.

Information on the tournament entry forms marked with red asterisks (*) is required. Once the tournament entry form has been submitted, click the "View" link and print the form. The form will need to be forwarded to your tournament manager per his/her instructions.

Coaches, please be sure that your athletic administrator has access to this information which has been sent directly to each of them by the OHSAA office. The deadline for entering or withdrawing from the 2013 tournament without penalty is September 30.

WHO TO CONTACT?

Questions about VB rules? Coaches should contact Deborah Moore or Diane Plas. Officials should contact their local association interpreter. Questions about OHSAA rules? Coaches should contact Debbie. Eligibility questions? – Please see your principal or AD.

THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL



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Special Accommodations

We continue to get questions about and requests for special accommodations for volleyball players, even though we are six weeks into the regular season. Coaches and school administrators sometimes complain "no one told me we needed a waiver" until an official who understands the rules and our guidance asks to see the letter of approval which this office issues for students who need special accommodations. We always strive to insure that our coaches and officials are aware of all rules so let us repeat what is necessary to deviate from NFHS volleyball rules for students with special needs or unusual circumstances. The slide below was part of a rules presentation a few years ago and references specifically medical hardware, in this case an insulin pump, and headgear. A student shall not participate wearing medical hardware, except those devices specifically permitted by rule, unless authorization has been granted by the OHSAA. Likewise, headgear worn for religious or medical reasons shall not be worn unless approved in advance. We will do our best to get these approval letters out to you as soon as possible. We request that the principal or athletic administrator send us a letter or email request naming the student and the specific accommodation needed. Please send medical authorization if requesting permission for a medical device. You may direct the request to Renee Moore, Deborah Moore's Assistant, at moore@ohsaa.org. Thanks for your attention to this matter.



Suspended Net Systems

Several gymnasiums across the state are utilizing a suspended net system for interscholastic volleyball. These systems are attached to the ceiling and are unfolded to the floor. There are several styles in these systems. Here are some resources to assist with interpreting the rules as they pertain to these systems.

2013-14 Rules Book

Rule: 2-2-2

ART. 2 . Cables, which are used to retract a ceiling-suspended net system and located only on one side of the net, are playable overhead obstructions.

Rule: 9-8-1

ART. 1 . A replay is the act of putting the ball in play without awarding a loss of rally/point and without a rotation for the serve. A replay may be declared when:

i. The ball contacts the pole used to retract a ceiling-suspended net system.

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If the ball strikes a pole used to retract a suspended net system, it may result in a replay at the R1's discretion. Some ceiling suspended net systems are retracted using cables and poles. During play, if a ball hits the pole on the team's side of the net playing the ball, a replay may be called by the first referee.

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Suspended net systems are attached to the ceiling and are unfolded to the floor. Cables located only on one side of the net system are playable overhead obstructions. Poles retracting system contacted by ball may result in replay if play is affected. The standards, extended to the ceiling, are considered an extension of the floor standard and are not playable. Suspended net systems are becoming more popular. The designs are changing as the equipment is being improved to meet today's demands. Some systems are retracted to the ceiling by only cables. These cables are considered overhead obstructions. There are systems that have not only the cable but also have poles that provide stability when the net system is in the down position. The poles retracting the net system when contacted by the ball may result in a replay under Rule 9-8-1. The vertical poles extending from the standards to the ceiling are considered an extension of the floor standard.

2012 Power Point Slides Retractable Net System - Rule 2-2-2

SITUATION: The host school has a ceiling-suspended net system. The ball contacts (a) the cables located on only one side of the net which retract the system, (b) a pole located only on one side of the net at approximately a 45 degree angle to the ceiling used to retract the system, (c) the poles located at the end of each net which are vertical extensions of the standards. In all situations, the officials rule these playable overhead obstructions and allow play to continue. **RULING:** (a) Correct Procedure, (b) and (c) Incorrect Procedure. **COMMENT:** Cables which are used to retract a ceiling-suspended net system and located only on one side of the net are playable overhead obstructions. If the ball contacts a pole, located only on one side of the net and used to retract the system and it affects play, it shall be ruled as a possible replay at the discretion of the referees. Poles which vertically extend from the standards are treated like the standards and the ball is out-of-bounds when it contacts them.